Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and
listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (canceled)

Claim 2 (currently amended): The method according to claim
[[1]]21, wherein, said third data field further comprises said
provisional tariff, said the ticket further includes
comprises a display element for displaying information[[;]],
and said the method further includes comprises the step
of[[:]] displaying said the updated shadow account balance and
said the provisional tariff on said the display.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The method according to claim 2,
wherein, said the ticket further includes comprises a
display[[;]], and said the method further includes comprises
the step of[[:]] broadcasting a fifth data field so as to
cause tickets located within a range of said the broadcasting
to display said the provisional tariff and said the updated
shadow account balance on said the display.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The method according to claim 3,
wherein, said the step of broadcasting is performed from at

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least one transmitter to a plurality of areas defining at

least one of a boarding zone and a passageway zone.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The method according to claim 3,

wherein, wherein said the tickets are located within said the

areas.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The method according to claim 2,

further comprising the steps of:

transmitting said the updated actual modified account balance

to said the ticket; and

replacing said the shadow account balance with said the actual

modified account balance.

Claim 7 (currently amended): The method according to claim 6,

wherein said the steps of transmitting said the updated actual

modified account balance and replacing said the shadow account

balance are performed periodically.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The method according to claim 2,

wherein said the ticket further comprises includes an actuating

actuation element[[÷]], and said the method further

comprising includes the step of[[÷]] setting at least one of a

registered service and charging-related parameters ~~by means of said~~ the using actuation element.

Claim 9 (currently amended): The method according to claim 8, wherein ~~said~~ the ticket ~~comprises~~ further includes an on/off switch.

Claim 10 (currently amended): The method according to claim 3, wherein ~~said~~ the ticket further ~~comprises~~ includes an ~~actuating~~ actuation element [[,]], and ~~said~~ the method further ~~comprising~~ includes the step of [[:]] setting at least one of a registered service and charging-related parameters ~~by means of~~ using the ~~said~~ actuation element.

Claim 11 (currently amended): The method according to claim 10, wherein ~~said~~ the ticket ~~comprises~~ further includes an on/off switch.

Claim 12 (currently amended): The method according to claim 2, wherein:

the second information units further include an ~~said third data field comprises and~~ indication of ~~said~~ the shadow account balance; and

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~~said~~ a computer is functionally associated with ~~said~~ the transceiver;

~~and~~ the method further ~~comprising~~ including the steps of:

transmitting ~~said~~ the shadow account balance to ~~said~~ the computer associated with the transceiver;

comparing said balance of ~~said~~ the shadow account with ~~said~~ the provisional tariff; and

displaying an identifier of a ticket having a shadow account balance less than ~~said~~ the provisional tariff.

Claim 13 (currently amended):   The method according to claim 3, wherein:

the second information units further include an ~~third data field comprises and~~ indication of ~~said~~ the shadow account balance; and

~~said~~ a computer is functionally associated with ~~said~~ the transceiver;

~~and~~ the method further ~~comprising~~ including the steps of:

transmitting ~~said~~ the shadow account balance to ~~said~~ the

computer associated with the transceiver;

comparing ~~said~~ the balance of ~~said~~ the shadow account with

~~said~~ the provisional tariff; and

displaying an identifier of a ticket having a shadow account

balance less than ~~said~~ the provisional tariff.

Claim 14 (currently amended): The method according to claim

2, wherein ~~said~~ the step of storing is limited to fields

identifying ~~said~~ the ticket.

Claim 15 (currently amended): The method according to claim

14, wherein ~~said~~ the step of storing further ~~comprises~~ includes

the step of assigning a plurality of fields identifying

~~said~~ the ticket to a one of ~~said~~ the ticket accounts.

Claim 16 (currently amended): The method according to claim

3, wherein ~~said~~ the step of storing is limited to fields

identifying ~~said~~ the ticket.

Claim 17 (currently amended): The method according to claim

16, wherein ~~said~~ the step of storing further ~~comprises~~ includes

the step of assigning a plurality of fields identifying

~~said~~the ticket to a one of ~~said~~ the ticket accounts.

Claim 18 (currently amended): The method according to claim

2, wherein the posting step is ~~said steps of posting are~~

dependent upon at least one of:

a value of the sum of specific postings~~said actual tariff~~,

the time of the recorded ~~timing of said~~ service, and

the nature of the recorded ~~type of~~ service.

Claim 19 (currently amended): The method according to claim

3, wherein the posting step is ~~said steps of posting are~~

dependent upon at least one of:

a value of the sum of specific postings~~said actual tariff~~,

the time of the recorded ~~timing of said~~ service, and

the nature of the recorded ~~type of~~ service.

Claim 20 (currently amended): The method according to claim

2, wherein ~~said~~ the computer is functionally associated with a

database, ~~said~~ the database ~~comprising~~including data records

identifying ~~said~~ the tickets, ~~said~~ the data records being

periodically updated so as to indicate an updated actual

account balance and ticket usage status.

Claim 21 (new): A method of recording and billing for a

service, the recorded service relating to the ticket being in

a recording zone assigned to the service, the ticket including

a storage device and a communication device, the method

comprising the steps of:

providing a shadow account on the ticket;

transmitting first information units from a transceiver

located in the recording zone to the ticket, the first

information units including an identification of the service

and of a provisional tariff unit;

updating a shadow account balance stored in the storage device

of the ticket, using the provisional tariff unit communicated

to the ticket in the first information units, thereby

generating an updated shadow account balance;

transmitting second information units from the ticket to the

transceiver, the second information units including

information about the location and identity of the ticket;

adding date and time information to the second information

units so as to generate modified second information units at

the transceiver;

transmitting the modified second information units to a remote

computer at times that are independent of the transmission of

the first and second information signals, the remote computer

being in communication with a storage medium containing

information of an account associated with the identity of the

ticket; and

posting information relating to the recorded service derived

using actual tariff units to the account associated with the

identity of the ticket, thereby generating an updated actual

account balance.